

Annual Awards Banquet Held February 23rd

Sixth graders also had the opportunity to enter the Computer Designed Slide Show (PowerPoint) competition. Nichols Melton, also from North Stanly Middle School, took first place with his presentation titled “What in the World Would We Do Without Wetlands?” That PowerPoint won him third place in the Area contest.

Marcie Harwood, winner of the seventh grade Public Speaking contest, went on to place third in the Area contest held March 14th in Davidson County. She wowed the crowd with her flawless speech, “Wetlands are Wonderful.”

Area VIII consists of Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Davie, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly and Union counties. Area contest cash prizes are \$30 for first place, \$20 for second place and \$10 for third place.

The Fork Farm and Stables of Norwood received the 2014 Conservation Farm Family award. The Fork Farm also won first place in the mountain region and second in the state competition.

Terry Blalock, Chairman of the Stanly SWCD, presented Curtis Furr an award for having the highest No-Till Corn Yield in 2014. Furr averaged 242.12 bushels per acre. The variety was Pioneer 1105 YHR. The yield check was done off of a national plot which is a 10 acre field with 1.25 acres harvested. The national plot is more than just a one acre plot which is the standard on a state plot. This award is given by the NC Corn Producers Association.



Curtis Furr
No-till corn yield winner

Jody Smith was recognized as 2014 newly appointed SWCD District supervisor. Jody and his wife Ashley have one child and live in the Ridgecrest community. He joins Board members Terry Blalock, John Pickler, June Mabry, Curtis Furr and Chester Lowder, Board Advisor.



Jody Smith
Stanly SWCD Supervisor